

TCT Conference Call Meeting

November 26, 2014

Meeting Notes

09:00 – 09:07 Participants join the meeting

09:08 Meeting kicks off

Community Involvement Update

EPA and DEQ provided an update to the League of Women voters. They received a good response from the 25 participants.

A presentation to the Oregon Trade Women on Portland Harbor and the cleanup process is scheduled for December 18.

EPA is currently working on what the discussion topics will be for the next CAG meeting. EPA will be talking to CAG to check in with them.

There is a December 8th stakeholder meeting at 4:30 pm at the Oregon Operations office and EPA wants to ensure that all TCT members received the invite.

Remedial Investigation (RI) Report Update

EPA received the proposed update to RI Section 10; LWG went back to older language and they submitted a disappointing outline with too much detail. EPA will meet with LWG on December 1st to get clarity with them on modifying the document.

The dispute resolution on RI Section 7 background is still outstanding.

Question: Will more writing be needed? Response: No.

Feasibility Study (FS) Report Update

FS Section 1 is pretty much complete. The River Mile 11 East (RM11E) meeting outcome that led to the conclusion to not include the additional RM11E data in the FS database prompted a need to include a statement in FS Section 1.3 that the information is available and will be placed in the Administrative Record. Once this is done, we will be sharing FS Section 1 with the TCT, LWG, and CAG. EPA will not be asking for further comments; the section will be shared so everyone can see what the proposed modifications will be.

This will be a similar process going forward with sections so that everyone is informed for making comments to the remedy review board.

EPA will not direct LWG to complete the FS until after the Remedy Review Board. This is agreeable to LWG and allows them to point out issues to the Remedy Review Board at the end.

EPA continues to work on the FS completion process with LWG and will not be having technical discussions up front, but more at the end of major sections.

EPA expects submittal to the Remedy Review Board by November 16, 2015. If it is not submitted by this date, then it will need to be submitted the following year.

Next TCT Meeting: EPA will be going over the draft responses to TCT's comments on FS Section 2 and provide an opportunity for open discussion, questions, etc. It is important for everyone to have a common understanding of the responses. Also, EPA will be going through some technical discussions on FS Section 3.

Gail questioned if 2 hours is enough time for this meeting based on all the topics to be discussed. EPA asked for feedback from the TCT group:

TCT Question: Are comments compiled?

EPA Response: Yes, we will be sending them out as soon as we get through them ahead of the meeting so TCT can select specific comments/responses to go over. Note that EPA does not plan to discuss every comment.

Based on the FS Section 2 comment discussions and FS Section 3 technical discussions, it was determined that 3 hours should be reserved for the meeting. Alana will see if the EPA Portland meeting room will be available for the extra hour.

DEQ Uplands Update

DEQ asked if there was any news on the Arkema dispute and EPA responded no.

The uplands summary report has been delivered. DEQ is open to discussing the details of the report with the TCT and addressing any questions.

- Will there be any update to this document for the Proposed Plan? DEQ is acceptable to this, but thought it would be definitely done before the ROD was issued. EPA thought it would good to update this document if there were additional uplands work to warrant an update.

DEQ questioned the current schedule for the Proposed Plan and EPA indicated it is the summer of 2015. DEQ agrees that this schedule would likely require an update for the Proposed Plan. DEQ proposes focusing on specific areas for updating the document at that time.

- DEQ reminded the TCT group that a draft was presented in March and would like reviews to see where revisions were made to incorporate comments on that draft.

Meetings

Upcoming Meetings

- December 1st - EPA meeting with LWG to go over FS Section 10.
- December 8th – Portland Harbor Senior Executives and Partners meetings, then a meeting with the CAG.

- Kristine Koch is moving to a new office space on December 17th. She will still be available, but will be working from home.
 - December 22nd - Unpacking and setting up in new office space.
 - December 23rd through January 5th - Time off.
- First week of December - Tentative jury duty for Sean Sheldrake.
- Last two weeks of December - Sean Sheldrake is out.
- The December 24th TCT meeting is cancelled.
- The next TCT meeting is scheduled for January 14th. Kristine Koch will be at the Battelle conference; Sean Sheldrake will be leading this meeting.

Portland Harbor Schedule

- RI Completion - end of 2014
- FS Completion – end of 2015
- Remedy Review Board – Early to mid-2015
- Tribal Consultation – March/April 2016
- Public Comment Period - late summer/early fall 2016

November 18th EPA/LWG PM Meeting Summary

EPA and LWG reviewed FS deliverables

November 19th Senior Managers Meeting Summary

Focused on the FS process; EPA proposed a new process for review

November 24th Governor and Congress Representative Meeting Summary

Main theme – Quit arguing about things and get to a Proposed Plan in 2016. Dennis McLaren indicated we need to get to the Remedy Review Board where the argument can occur, rather than earlier which impedes progress.

Some other odd topics were discussed on fish consumption/trading. EPA does not engage on fish trading and would need to be managed by some other entity as it develops many other challenging logistics. This discussion was considered positive by EPA, since it shows there is recognition that the public does consume fish in the area and there is a recognized risk. Counterpoint to this is raised by the Tribes; as it is looking at ways to deal with the issue separate from working on and targeting effective cleanup. EPA pointed out that Dennis was surprised to learn only four warning/risk signs are posted on the entire reach of the river.

Another point raised about getting more Early Actions going, but the issue is getting parties to get involved ahead of the allocations.

EPA and the State are continuing discussions on moving forward with issuing unilateral order (this is key) to initiate early actions.

Open Floor Discussion

EPA will be providing the TCT with an updated FS schedule.

EPA is scheduling a January 6th meeting with LWG to discuss dioxin/furans. An invite to this meeting will be sent in December.

Further discussion about the meeting with Congressman Earl Blumenhauer:

- At the meeting there was a mention of the general health concern for those with no voice at the table who use the river's resources for food; that there is a need to protect all beneficial uses of the river's resources for the public.
- The meeting participants shared a general consensus that there is a need to move forward with the schedule.
- A point was made that there is a narrative going around that schedule delays are due to EPA and this needs to stop.